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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 205  
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A RESOLUTION To honor University of Memphis basketball  
Senior Shamel Jones on his outstanding  
collegiate basketball career at the University of  
Memphis.

WHEREAS, The 2000-2001 University of Memphis basketball season gave evidence of  
a remarkable resurgence of the University's basketball program; and

WHEREAS, The Tigers posted 21 victories, finished 3rd in the TiVo National Invitational  
Tournament, earned a third place tie in the final Conference USA standings and reached the  
semifinals of the Conference USA Tournament; and

WHEREAS, An important ingredient in the season was the outstanding play of Senior  
Shamel Jones, of Brooklyn, New York, and Freshman transfer from Georgetown University; and

WHEREAS, Shamel averaged 5.8 points, and 3.7 rebounds per game during the 2000-  
2001 regular season; however, in post-season play, he averaged 9.3 points, 5.4 rebounds and  
1.4 blocks per game. His career average was 5.7 points, 3.6 rebounds, 0.9 assists per game  
and a 44.1 percent field goal completion rate; and

WHEREAS, Shamel Jones' career high games included his 17 point, 10 rebound performance against Cincinnati on February 15th of this year, 10 rebounds against Vanderbilt on December 5, 1998, and five assists in the contest with the University of North Carolina at Wilmington on November 13, 1996; and

WHEREAS, Shamel Jones has acquired a reputation as the Tiger's lead enforcer, and was recognized by Coach John Calipari as being the difference in the game against the University of Alabama Birmingham Blazers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones ascribes his ability to thrive in smash-mouth interior games to his Brooklyn upbringing, where he learned to "step up" in the face of physical intimidation; and

WHEREAS, Shamel Jones endured a good measure of adversity in his college career, having transferred from Georgetown as a Freshman; sitting out his first season in Memphis, Shamel began playing small forward as a Sophomore, moved back down low as a Junior, and played most of his time on the floor as center this season; despite his quite respectable skills at the perimeter, he has sacrificed for the team by staying inside; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we should pause in our deliberations to honor and commend Senior Shamel Jones for his outstanding career and countless contributions to the University of Memphis basketball team; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we congratulate Shamel Jones upon completing his collegiate basketball career, thank him for his contributions to the University of Memphis basketball program and to the enjoyment of Tiger fans, and wish him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.